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### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Applicant : Burchell et al.  
App. No : 09/972,105  
Filed : October 4, 2001  
For : PRENATAL DIAGNOSTIC METHODS  
Examiner : Lisa V. Cook  
Art Unit : 1641

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being made as follows:

1. Submission Required under 37 CFR 1.114:

- (X) Previously submitted:  
(X) Consider the Amendment/Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 23, 2005.

2. Fees:

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
RCE Fee		1801 (\$790)		\$790
3 Month Extension		1253 (\$1,020)		\$1,020
			<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>\$1,810</b>

- (X) An extension of time is hereby requested by payment of the appropriate fee indicated above.

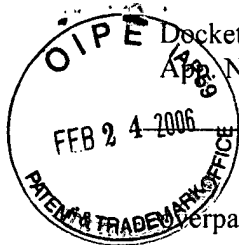
3. Payment:

- (X) Check in the amount of \$1,810 to cover the above fees.

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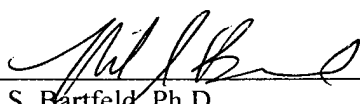
Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

4. Other Enclosures:

(X) Return Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,  
KNOBBE MARTENS OLSON & BEAR LLP

Dated: February 21, 2006

  
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